

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment of the claim for priority in the parent application.

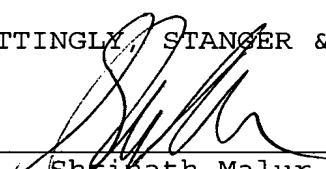
Claims 16-25 are currently pending in the application. Claims 16-17 are pending, and have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,667,193. Without admitting to the propriety of the rejection, the Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer to avoid the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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